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Soviet Steel Slump: Josef Stalin, the "man of steel," must be turning in his grave: the Soviet Union, with 40 percent of the world's reserves of iron ore and manganese, is suffering from a severe shortage of steel, according to an unpublished CIA report.

The title of the report says it all: "Sluggish Soviet Steel Industry Holds Down Economic Growth." The report concludes that "during the early 1980s at least, lagging steel production could well be the most important bottleneck undercutting Soviet plans to provide steady increases in the production of military hardware while satisfying the demand for consumer durables . . ."